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RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE HELD ON THE 12THE AND 13thm SEPTEMBER 1947 AT MADRAS.

Subject: I Reorganisation of the Cooperative Department separating Audit from Administration:

Resolution No. 1:

The Conference accepts the principle that audit should be separated from administration and the proposals on the agenda are generally approved subject to the observation that the bigger societies should be put completely under the Regional Auditors, Mr. Simhachalam Pantulu alone dissenting.

This Conference also endorses the proposal to reorganise the Cooperative Department with Joint Registrars on a functional basis but it considers that for the time being the number of Joint Registrars may be limited to four including the two existing Joint Registrars, and that the question of appointing a fifth Joint Registrar may wait till housing schemes develop.

SubjectII. Formation of Rural Banks:

Resolution No. 2.

This Conference is of the opinion that the proposal t form Rural Banks should be dropped.

Subject III: Rural Credit Societeis- strengthening of the supervisory staff and the grant of subsidy for the strengthening of village Credit Societies.

Resolution No. 3:

(a) This Conference considers it necessary that the supervisory staff employed by the Central Banks in every district should be strengthened at the rate of one supervisor for every 15 societies and two supervisors to be kept as leave reserve in every Central Bank area and that the total cost of supervision in order to give effect to this resolution will have to be met by the Government in full for the first five years.

(b) This Conference is of the opinion that wherever a Rural Co_operative Credit Society proposes to discharge additional functions other than credit as provided in its bylaws and employs a qualified paid manager, this Conference recommends that Government should bear half the cost of such a manager. This Conference also desires that the provision for the payment of honorarium under bylaws 30 and 55 of Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies may be d eleted in such cases.

Subject IV. Establishment of Cottage Industries on a co-operative basis:

Resolution No. 4:

This Conference is of the opinion that for an intensive organisation of cottage industries including weavers' Societies and the Khadi scheme with a systematic and sustaining effort, there should be a Progincial Council and an Additional Joint Registrar assisted by field staff to study localities, organise societies and arrange for their working. A Provincial Council to lay down the policy and guide the work is necessary. All the expert staff working in the Industries Department should be brought under this scheme. Women Officers should be appointed to organise cottage industries societies for women. Local Advisory Committees may be formed in districts to assist the officers.

Subject: V Weavers' Societies:

Resolution No. 5:

(a) This Conference subscribes to the principle of indirect compulsion of weavers by the denail of yarn to those who do not join weavers' societies within a specified period and suggests that this may be given effect to in select districts.

(b) This Conference is of the emphatic opinion that no part of the cost of the staff maintained by Government for Weavers' Societies should be recovered from the societies.

Subject: VI; Marketing of AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.

Resolution No. 6.

This Conference generally endorses the proposals contained in the note on this subject.

Subject: VII: Milk Supply Unions and Societies:

Resolution No. 7 :

(a) Co-operative Milk Supply Societies and Unions should be given complete exemption from the levy of sales tax becuase ordinarily individual suppliers of milk do not come under taxable limits. A levy on Co-operative Milk Supply Societies and Unions will retard their progress which is essential for the well-being of both producers and consumers of milk.

b) The proposals indicated in the note as already under the consideration of the Government and the Department are strongly supported.

Subject VIII: Copperative Housing Schemes.

Resolution No. 8:

This Conference does not consider that there is a need for a separate Joint Registrar for Housing Schemes until they develop.

Subject IX. Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks:

Resolution No. 9:

(a) The guarantee now given to the Central Land Mortgage Bank debentures must continue in the interests of agriculturists and Government should guarantee additional debentures that may be floated. The question of withdrawal of the gua rantee should be dropped.

(b) This Conference has read the Reserve Bank of India's letter No. A.C.D. 1489/A.C. 144-47 dated 23-8-47 to the Secretary of the Madras Provincial Cooperative Bank and to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras, and recommends that the loans issued on the security of the Central Land Mortgage Bank's debentures should not be restricted to an emergency but that these debentures should be treated on a par with Government grant of advances.

(c) The question of the recovery of the cost of the three Deputy Registrars for Land Mortgage Banks and their staff should be reconsidered by Government and no such cost should be recovered by them. The question of the recovery of the cost relating to the Co-operative Sub-Registrars for Land Mortgage Banks may be reconsidered in 1950 as already ordered by Government.

Subject X : Consumers' Societies:

Resolution No. 10:

(a) This Conference, while recognizing the need for the organization of a Whole sale Consumers' Society at Madras to assist the Central Stores in the procurement of articles, is of the view that the present time is not opportune for the formation of the Society and suggests that the registration of the society may be deferred.

(b) This Conference is also of the opinion that no part of the cost of the staff maintained by Government for Cooperative Stores Societies should be recovered from the latter.

Subject XI. Levy of Audit Fees:

Resolution No. 11:

(a) This Conference recommends that Rural Credit Societies should be completely exempted from paying audit fees.

(b) The existing concessions regarding audit fees allowed to certain types of societies should continue, subject to the condition that audit fees under the existing scale may be levied by Government if any such society is able to declare a dividend of 3 per cent in any year.

(c) The cost of staff maintained by Government for purposes other than audit in respect of all institution whether Stores or Weavers' Societies, should be borne by Government themselves. Any levy made by Government should be only for purposes of audit.

Subject XII: Co-operative Farming:

Resolution No. 12:

This Conference agrees to trying the experiments in co-operative farming on the lines indicated in the notes on the agenda.

Subject XIII. Distribution of Mantures and iron and Steel implements.

Resolution No. 13:

The distribution of controlled articles like manure and agriculturists' requirements like cart-tyres, iron and steel etc., should be transferred from the Agricultural Department to Cooperative Societies and the allotments should be regulated by the Cooperative Department. This Conference authorises Messrs. T.A. Ramalingam Chettiar, B.Venkataratnam and K.V. Ramaniah Naidu to wait on deputation on the concerned Ministers for this purpose.

Subject XIV: Public Carrier Permits for lorries owned by Co-operative Societies:

Resolution No. 14:

This Conference is strongly of the opinion that Co-operative Institutions owning motor lorries should be permitted to have a public carrier licence to enable them to help sister co-operative institutions and others and urges the Government to reconsider the orders already passed by them refusing to do so and order the issue of public darrier licences for such lorries owned by co-operative institutions.

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